



## Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium

February 21-22, 2014 • Shreveport Convention Center • **SHORT COURSES**



The following *optional* workshops are being offered on **Friday, February 21, 2014** in conjunction with the 2014 Environmental Education State Symposium. Participants must register for the conference & pay conference registration fee, in addition to nominal short course fee. **Short Course fee: \$10, lunch included. Preregistration is required.** Participants will be notified via e-mail. Go to [www.wlf.louisiana.gov/eec](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/eec) for registration forms.

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### *From A to Chimpanzee WORKSHOP & TOUR*

**Grade Levels:** General (K-12)

**Presenters:** Andrea Falcetto, Education Specialist, Chimp Haven

Amy Fultz, Director of Behavior, Research, & Education, Chimp Haven

**Chimp Haven in Keithville; VAN leaves from Shreveport Hilton lobby at 8:00 a.m.**

Visit the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary & learn about the residents that call our Louisiana forests home. During this short course you will tour the facility & learn about chimpanzee diet & behaviors. We will also discuss threats to wild chimpanzee populations & play conservation games which emphasize these threats and possible solutions.



### *Bayou Pierre Watershed TOUR*

**Grade Levels:** General (K-12)

**Presenters:** Jon Soul, Outdoor Education Coordinator, Montessori School for Shreveport

Dionne Procell, Caddo Magnet High School

Michelle McKee, Programs & Education Grants Manager, Sci-Port: LA's Science Ctr.

**VAN leaves from Shreveport Hilton lobby at 8:00 a.m.**

Explore historically significant Bayou Pierre from its inner-city "headwaters" (storm drains) to where the concrete ends. Participants will - use an interactive map while identifying real life examples of key watershed terms; learn several easy & effective activities for teaching about watersheds; canoe a section of the bayou that serves as a natural sieve for all life downstream; eat lunch at one of Shreveport's favorite restaurants (on the banks of the bayou) while learning about the 400-mile journey to the ocean; participate in a storm drain marking; & receive the Bayou to Bay Educator's Guide. No canoeing experience necessary. Please dress for the weather.

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### *The Bear Necessities WORKSHOP*

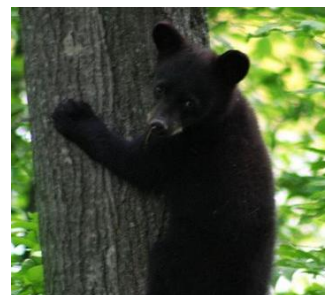
**Grade Levels:** 5-12

**Presenters:** Carrie Salyers, Education Outreach Coordinator, LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Natalie McElyea, Youth Wetlands Program Extension Associate, LSU AgCenter

**Meet at Cypress Black Bayou Nature Center near Benton at 8:00 a.m.**

Discover the secrets of our elusive state mammal - the Louisiana black bear. Learn about bear habitat & the challenges bears face from the biologists themselves. Receive training & binder of GLE correlated lesson activities for the classroom, thumb drive, & many other goodies. Educators get a \$50 stipend upon proof of lesson implementation in the classroom.



### *Learning with Nature WORKSHOP*

**Grade Levels:** General (K-12)

**Presenters:** Terri Jacobson, Wildlife Biologist, Refuge Ranger, & Interpretive Guide, Red River NWR

Chauntal Stricklan, Refuge Volunteer & Certified Interpretive Guide

**Red River National Wildlife Refuge, VAN leaves from Shreveport Hilton lobby at 7:30 a.m.**

Discover Nature! We will explore nature at the Refuge using three different interactive learning models & proven environmental education techniques. Whether you teach language arts or science or just want to reconnect with nature, this hands-on, fun workshop is for you. We'll spend a portion of the day outdoors so dress accordingly & wear comfortable, closed toe shoes.

